

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 99-2353; MM Docket No. 99-321; RM-9733]

**Radio Broadcasting Services; Grand Isle and Empire, LA****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Blue Dolphin Communications, Inc., permittee of Station KBIL(FM), Channel 283A, Grand Isle, Louisiana, requesting the substitution of Channel 283C2 for Channel 283A, the reallocation of Channel 283C2 to Empire, Louisiana, as that community's first local aural transmission service, and modification of its authorization accordingly. Coordinates used for this proposal are 29-29-07 NL and 89-46-39 WL.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before December 20, 1999, and reply comments on or before January 4, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: William J. Pennington, III, Esq., Post Office Box 403, Westfield, MA 01086.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-321, adopted October 20, 1999, and released October 29, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800. Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this

one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

Federal Communications Commission.

**John A. Karousos,**

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****47 CFR Parts 73 and 90**

[RM-9719, DA 99-2351]

**Transmission of Emergency Signals on Channel 200; Extension of Time for Reply Comments****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission extended the period for filing replies to comments filed in response to a petition for rulemaking requesting the Commission to amend its rules to allocate Channel 200 (87.9 MHz) for the use and operation of an Emergency Radio Data System.

**DATES:** Reply comments are due on or before November 8, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Fox of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Policy and Rules Branch, (202) 418-0680. TTY: (202) 418-7233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. On August 2, 1999, the Commission received a petition for rulemaking (Petition) filed by Federal Signal Corporation (Federal Signal) requesting that the Commission amend its rules to allocate Channel 200 (87.9 MHz) for the use and operation of an Emergency Radio Data System (ERDS) by public safety licensees. On September 14, 1999, the Commission issued a *Public Notice* instructing parties interested in commenting on Federal Signal's Petition to do so within thirty days (*i.e.*, by October 14, 1999). Consequently, Federal Signal had until October 29, 1999, to file reply comments. On October 25, 1999, the Commission received a Motion for Extension of Time filed by Federal Signal.

2. Federal Signal requests that the Commission grant a ten day extension of time until November 8, 1999, for filing

a reply to those comments filed in opposition to its Petition. Federal Signal maintains that several of the comments raise technical and engineering concerns that will require considerable preparation by its consulting engineers, and that an additional ten-days would afford it more adequate time to prepare a full and complete reply in order that the Commission may develop as complete a record as possible. In addition, Federal Signal only recently became apprised of comments which were filed with the Commission, but not served on Federal Signal's counsel as required by § 1.405(a) of the Commission's rules. Finally, Federal Signal indicates that no party will be prejudiced by grant of a ten-day extension.

3. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted. Upon review, however, we agree that a ten-day extension, until November 8, 1999, would afford Federal Signal the necessary time to prepare and file a responsive and complete reply in this proceeding.

4. Accordingly, *it is hereby ordered* that, pursuant to § 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.46, the Motion for Extension of Time filed by Federal Signal on October 25, 1999, *is granted*. Parties shall file reply comments no later than November 8, 1999.

5. This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to §§ 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's rules.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Herb Zeiler,**

*Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Part 622**

[Docket No. 991008273-9273-01; I.D. 062399B]

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**Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Amendment 9**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.